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CZECHOSLAVAK INDUSTRY ADVANCES;
CELLULOSE WASTE YIELDS NEW MATERIAL.

SLOVAKIA EXCEEDS INDUSTRIAL PLANS -- Lidova Demokracie, No 68, 22 Mar 49

The State Planning and Statistical Office in Bratislava has issued the following data on the fulfillment of the February plan by the various branches of Slovakian industry:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Feb 49</u>	<u>Jan & Feb 49</u>
Mining	100.4	97.7
Power	96.9	96.2
Metallurgy	121.5	115.7
Metal Products	99.9	102.0
Chemicals	108.7	105.8
Glass	117.2	107.8
Building materials	121.2	124.5
Paper	107.6	103.8
Wood	100.4	100.6
Textiles and rubber	109.3	106.3
Leather and rubber	<u>101.8</u>	<u>101.3</u>
Industry as a whole	105.5	103.8

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ECONOMIC ADVANCE OF SLOVAKIA -- Svobodne Slovo, No 51, 2 Mar 49

The cultural and economic rise of Slovakia was particularly evident in 1948. Slovakia's contribution to the national income rose from 18.7 percent in 1947 to 20.7 percent in 1948, an increase of 15.3 percent. Production in Slovakia is now 203.6 percent of the 1937 figure. The number of tractors in Slovakia rose in one year [presumably from 1947 to 1948] from 1,800 to 2,500.

COAL PRODUCTION BELOW PLAN -- Lidova Demokracie, No 68, 22 Mar 49

The Czech mines have fulfilled their production plan for the first 14 days of March 96.6 percent for black coal and 96.9 percent for brown coal (excluding Slovakia). In Slovakia the coal production plan for 1 - 14 March was fulfilled 83.2 percent.

In the various black-coal fields the plan was fulfilled as follows (in percent): Ostrava 96.4, Kladno 100.4, Pilsen 102.1, Trutnov 80.9, Rosice 96.4; in the brown-coal fields, Most 95.5, Sokolov 97.7, Mydlovary 148.8, Bradek 131.5, and Ratiskovice 112.4.

MINING PLAN SURPASSED -- Svobodne Slovo, No 53, 4 Mar 49

The February mining and metallurgy plan for Olomouc was fulfilled 103.9 percent.

NEW RAW MATERIAL FROM WASTE -- Prace, No 52, 3 Mar 49

The Czechoslovak paper and cellulose industry will contribute a new and valuable raw material for the expansion of the alcohol industry by conserving the waste products of sulfite cellulose factories instead of disposing of them in rivers. These wastes contain a variety of sugar, which is a valuable raw material for the production of sulfite alcohol.

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